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### CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. THE COMMISSION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING-GEN. HAWLEY AND MR. GOSHORN RE-ELECTED-

RAINY DAY-NEW ATTRACTIONS. The Centennial Commission met yesterday for the annual election of officers. Gen. Hawley was again chosen President, and Mr. Goshorn Director-General. Changes took place in the Executive Committee, the following being chosen: Messrs. Goshorn, Corliss, Morrell, Boteler, McCormick, Beckwith, Loring, Kimball, Lynch, Latrobe, Atwood, Bernard, and Phillips. George W. Biddle was elected Solicitor. Yesterday was rainy, but there was a fair attendance at the Exhibition. The walks still remain bad.

#### GLIMPSES OF THE FAIR.

VIENNA OVER AGAIN-RUSH TO THE ART GALLERIES. [FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- Another rainy day. It is Vienna over again, this first fortnight of the Exh i bition—rain every day by spells of an hour or so, and threatening clouds the rest of the time. The only really bright and trustworthy weather we have had since the opening was on Sunday, when visitors found the gates shut in their faces. At Vienna the skies showed no favor to the fair till June came. We have the same experience here that we had there with the bad condition of the grounds, the unfinished walks, the all-prevailing mud, and the railway trains of late arriving goods endangering the lines of promenaders on the tracks. There, howads were put in order much more rapidly than here, for the Government set a couple of regiments of soldiers at work upon them, and in two or three days after the stout young Croats and Hungarians exchanged their muskets for spades and shovels there were good gravel walks everywhere that people cared to go. The long delay had in providing walks between some of the principal buildings is entirely out of character with the energy displayed by the management before the open-ing. The only direct road between the Main Building and the Government Building and Women's Pavilon is ankle-deep with mud, so that visitors are compelled to walk on the ties of either the narrow-gauge or the freight railroad, and the Agricultural Building is almos isolated from the rest of the Exhibition by the expanse of mire surrounding it. There really is no excuse for delaying so long these essential preparations for the confort of visitors. Plank or gravel walks could be

made wherever needed in a single day.
Considering the had weather, the attendance is encouraging. The crowds continue to prefer the Art Halls and the Main Building. People who come for amuse-ment find more attractions in the latter place than anywhere else, with its wonderful variety of interesting objects and its concerts twice a day; and those who set out to study the Exhibition in detail usually begin there. The large number of viritors to the art galleries, I con tess, surprises me, and seems to argue that the art-loving class is in much greater proportion to the whole attendance than one would imagine. They find out the best pictures, too, and congregate before them, leaving unnoticed the walls devoted to mediocrity. Critics would not, however, be pleased at the attention bestowed upon the Italian sculpture in the annex, but the reason is not far to seek. These statues of children laughing, crying blowing bubbles, or catching butterflies, are no doubt correctmen sculptors' work for the most part, but they appeal to the common heart, and no knowl dge of mythology, history, or peetry is needed to comprehend them. The Swedes have been rehauging their pictures, and have now a number in place that were not up on the opening day. They fill a room in the annex and share with Holland the large room at the west end of the Art Gallery. There appears to be nothing that could be called a distinctive Swedish school of painting. The canvases bear evident marks of the German or French training of the artists, and most of them can be traced at once to the Dusseldorf school. As a whole, the collection surpasses that of Germany more painters of catablished fame contributing to it The Stockbolm Museum furnishes a number of pictures from its collection, and besides these there are perhaps a Exhibition, shows three large canvases-"Winter,"
"Spring," and "The First Snow"-and a small harbor

On Decoration Day, May 30, the bank offices and Bankers' Building, at the Centennial Grounds, will be formally opened, with a speech by the Hon Elbridge Gerry Spaulding of Buffalo. Tickets to admit members are being prepared, as a compliment, by the American Bank Note Company, and will be adorned with finely engraved pertraits of Robert Morris, the first Preshient of the old Bank of North America; of Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury, and also by an accurate representation of Independence Hall as it appeared intended, will be ready for distribution to the members

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ALIVELY ANNUAL MEETING AND VIGOROUS ATTACK BY THE "OUTS."

FROM A REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- The annual election of officers in the Centennial Commission to-day devel oped very strongly the existence of quite a warm feeling between the "outs" and the "ins," the Executive Committee being the point of attack. This Committee, con sisting of thirteen members, sits during the recess of the General Commission, and has had and will continue to bave all the practical administration of the Exhibition on the part of the Commission in close consultation and greement with the more local Board of Finance. Mr. Morrell of Pennsylvania has led the party of the Executive Committee, and in many of the differences which have arisen as to jurisdiction has aided more or less with the Board of Finance. Mr. Kimball of New-York also has been one of the most active members of the Committee, but having represented Maine up to the 1st of June inst, and being a member of the Committee, Gov. Tilden upon Mr. Kunbail's removal to New-York reappointed him to the commissionership from that State. Thus New-York was represented by two men on the Executive Commit tee. This fact was taken advantage of by the opposition and Mr. Kimball was selected as the weak point at which the attack should be made by the "outs," who desired to carry on the Exhibition, led on by Mr. Cleveland of New-Jersey and Mr. Denaldson of Idaho.

These gentlemen called their adherents about then and organized a movement to displace Mr. Kimball and others on the old Executive Board. Their plans having become known, however, a cancus was held by the part; in power, and the result shows that the ill-fortune which ollowed Mr. Cleveland's aspirations for Mayor of Jersey City has pursued him into the Commission room. He and his party went down ingloriously before the heavier Prof. Blake of Connecticut, although on the old Board, having identified himself with the Cleveland faction, was stracised-his fellows on the old Committee, Messrs. Matthews of Illinois and Dexter of the District of Columble, giving place with him to Mesars. Cerliss of Ethods Island, Latrobe of Maryland, and Atwood of Wisconsin The final vote elected Measrs. Goshorn, Corliss, Morrell Boteler, McCormick, Beckwith, Loring, Klimball, Lynch, Latrobe, Atwood, Bernard, and Phillips.

The test vote was really between Mesors. Kimball and Cleveland, and resulted in 26 for the former and 20 for the latter. The friends of Mr. Kimball claimed that, as New-York had nearly one-fourth of the exhibits, she was not over-represented with both of her members on the Committee. The Commission agreed with them and re-elected both. Gen. Hawley was unanimously reflected

President, and John L. Campbell Secretary.

When the Commission had gotten through the Executive Committee election quite a determined feeling main ifested itself against John L. Shormaker, the Solicitor one of the best and most earnest workers for the Centennial cause, both from his important place in City iells in this city and from his position as Solicitor of the Commission during its whole career. Mr. emaker, in performing his duties as has been drawn into close connection with the Board of Finance and the Executive Committee, and, seeing their work and how well it had been done, naturally found the law for his opinion, when asked for it, that the Board of Pinance had certain powers which some of the more greedy seekers after influence and credit in the Commison conceived belonged to them. He decided in favor of the Executive Committee appointing the judges. The Hon George W. Biddle, a leading lawyer at this bar, gave an adverse opinion to that of Mr. Shoemaker. Mr. Biddle has also been very prominent in the movement looking to an opening of the Exhibition on Sunday. For

Solicitor, at the last moment almost, and give it to Mr. Biddle, the first vote being 21 to 21, and the second 20 to 23. The Sunday-opening men, the Temperance men (whom Mr. Shoemaker's opinion declaring the concessions to restaurants lawful, offended), and the ultra anti-Board

of Finance men thus overcame the men who thought that Mr. Shoemaker ought to be retained. The honorary positions of Vice-Presidents were also

made the subject of an opposition, and Mr. Cleveland was worsted here also, as he was forced to give place to Mr. Mallory of Kentucky. Mr. Goldsmith of Vermont took the place of Mr. Creigh of California, Mr. Halliday of ont defeating Mr. Lowry of Iowa, Mr. McCoy of Nevada taking the place of Mr. McNeil of Missouri, and

Mr. Martin of Kansas succeeding Mr. Gurney of South The new Executive Committee met at 4 o'clock (after the adjournment of the Commission till to-morrow at 2), and reflected unanimously Mr. Goshorn to his present position of Director General. It was feared by Mr. Kimball that Mr. Cieveland's motion for a committee to revise the by-laws, followed by a motion that no appointments should be made by the Executive Committee until after the by-law revision should be made, was intended

STATE ORATORS AT THE EXHIBITION-THE VICE-

to strike at Director-General Goshorn, and an exception

was made to Mr. Cleveland's motion, thus allowing the

immediate reëlection of the Director-General.

PRESIDENTS. [GENERAL PRESS DISPATCIL]

PHILADELPHIA, May 18 .- At the meeting of the Centennial Commission to-day 41 members were present. A report was read by the Secretary in answer to a circular which had been sent to the Governors of the different States, requesting them to appoint orators who would during the Exhibition deliver addresses upon the resources of the several States. Favorable responses had been received from the following States: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Dakota, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New-Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. Gen. Hawley stated that the time for the delivery of these addresses would be fixed by the Commissioners from each State. The annual election of officers then took place, and Gen. Hawley and Prof. John L. Campbell were unanimously reflected to the respective offices of President and Secretary. The following gentlemen were selected as Vice-Presidents: T. A. Caldwell tlemen were selected as Vice-Fresidents: T.A. Caldwell of Tennessee, Robert Mallory of Keatucky, M. Gold smith of Vermont, F. W. M. Holliday of Virginia, W. W. McCoy of Nevada, John A. Marton of Kansas. Executive Committee—Messrs. Morrell, Goshorn, Beckwith, Boteler, McCoymick, Lynch, Kimbail, Fullips, Laring, Corliss, Latrobe, Atwood, and Bernard. Mr. Nelson of Alabama, Wo, it is understood, favors the opening of the Exhibition on Sanday, was defeated. A vote of thanks was tendered to Geo. H. Corliss of Rhode Island for the energy and skill disclayed in furnishing the motive power for Machinery Hail.

#### CENTENNIAL TOPICS. Four hundred tons of French "exhibits" arrived

on Wednesday per Amerique. -All the trees and shrubs exhibited by James Veitch & Sons of London have been presented to the

Fairmount Commission for the Park. -It is intimated that the Centennial Commission will after this week take a recess till July 3, and will then after a brief session adjourn until No-

vember, when the work of the body will be com--The Turkey coffee-house will be opened in a few days, by the Terkish Commissioner, who will entertain a select company. The attendants will be

dressed in Turkish costume, and will serve pure coffee in tiny cups. Smokets can regale themselves turnstiles has not worked satisfactorily in every in-

stance. One gatekeeper on Monday reported that his receipts were \$50 in excess of the amount shown The Glorious results as summed up by one -Special displays began in Agricultural Hall on

Wednesday. There were apples of last season from Michigan, Illinois, and Pennsylvania; potatoes from dezenthat have won medats at the Paris salons. Baron New-York; feeding roots for cattle and various veg-Hermelle, the Swedish Fine Arts Commissioner to the etables from various States. Strawberries will be next in order.

The chunes in Machinery Hall towers are played three times daily—at 9 a. m., 12 m., and 6 p. m. -The Centennial Photographing Company is now

engaged in photographing all who hold free tickets. to prevent frauds, the picture being attached to the

-The French Assembly has agreed to the proposal that agricultural laborers be sent in the workmen's delegation to the Exhibition. The Minister of Public Instruction has appropriated \$5,000 for the purpose of sending professors to the Exhibition. -A photograph of Mr. Halliwell's unique port

of Shakespeare has been sent from London. After the Exhibition it is to be given to some museum or library in the United States.

## EXHIBITION NOTES.

Philadelphia, May 18.—The Mississippi log cabin on the Centennial ground was opened to the public to-day for the first time. The exhibits, however, are not all in place yet. There are 68 different kinds of wood in the superstructure. The outside walls are chiefly of hickory split logs with the bark on. The Syrian Bazaar,

near the Turkish pavilion, was also opened to-day.

The list of special prices offered under the auspices of the Bureau of Agriculture is constantly increasing, and ready rife in the Agricultural Department. The newly elected Executive Committee of the Commission met this afternoon. D. J. Morrill of Pennsylvania was reelected chairman, Mr. Alfred T. Goshorn of Obio was re elected Director-General, and Col. Myer Asch was elected secretary. The subject of gate regulations and minor topics occupied the balance of the session of the Committee.

## CHRISTIAN MEETINGS.

METHODISTS IN GENERAL CONFERENCE. ELECTION OF EDITORS OF CHURCH PAPERS-OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN-LIQUOR-SELLING ON THE CEN-

TENNIAL GROUNDS. BALTIMORE, Md., May 18 .- Judge Cooley of Upper Iowa, in the Conference to-day, presented the report of the Standing Commission on the Book Concern in reference to the consolidation of church papers. The report recommends that The Pittsburgh Christian Adenrate be published by the New-York agents, and be under the control of the General Rock Committee, which report occasioned a long debate. The Rev. Dr. Curry said the conviction had grown upon him through years of observation that the Church needed but two general papers-

one at New-York and one at some point West. Bishop Harris presented Bishop Cutomius of the Pe formed Episcopal Church, who will address the Canfer, ence to-morrow morning. The Rev. Dr. William Nast was then elected editor of The Christian Apologist, at Cincinnati; the Rev. Dr. Henry Leibhart, editor of The German Family Magazine; the Rev. Dr. Artaur Ed-wards, editor of The North-Western Christian Advocate: O. H. Warren, editor of The Northern Christian Advocate; and the Rev. Dr. E. G. Fuller, editor of The Methodist Advocate, at Atlanta. There being no nominations in opposation to either of the gentlemen, the election of each was made by acclamation. For editor of The Western Christian Adeocate the Rev. Dr. Francis S. Hoyt was elected; other votes were for the Rev. Dr. J. H. Bayliss, 92, and the Rev. Dr. Curry, 14. For editor of The Central Christian Advocate the Rev. Dr. Fry was elected; for editor of The Putshargh Christian Advocate the Rev. Dr. Wheeler was declared elected; the Rev. Dr. John H. Acton of Ohio was elected editor of The Pacific Christian

Advocate. A motion was adopted to postpone the election of ed-A motion was adopted to personal that the subscription list, which some years back amounted to 34,000, had decreased to between 10,000 and 12,000. Various reasons were assigned for this falling off, several speakers arguing that to be a ladies' repository, as quired at this day, it should be edited by a lady.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of two corresponding Missionary Secretaries. The salary of these Secretaries is fixed by the Board of Managers, and has been heretofore \$5,000 each per annum. The following gentlemen were put in nomination: Dr. R. L. Dashieli, Newark; J. M. Reid, Michigan; John P. Newman, Washington; Joseph Cummings, New-England; A. C. George, Central New-York; B. B. Hamlin, Central Penning to an opening of the Exhibition on Sunday. For e reasons, apparently, the Cle cland party were shed to take from Mr. Shoemaker the portfolio of one and the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and that the two names having the same time, and the s

the highest number of votes, and being a majority of all cast, should be declared elected.

Mr. Kynett, the present incumbent, was then elected Secretary of the Beard of Church Extension, and the Rev. Dr. R. S. Rush Secretary of the Freedman's Aid

8. P. Rahsom of Newark segmented the following:

Whereas, The right to sell intextenting drinks on the
grounds of the Centennial Exhibition has been sold to
the highest bidders therefor by the Board of Finance of
said Exhibition; therefore,

Resolved, That such action outrages the Christian sentiment of the country, and we, in the name of relicion
and humanity, solemnly protest against such desceration
of the Centennial grounds, and carnestly call upon the
National Commission of the Centennial Exhibition to revoke such concessions.

Voke such concessions.

Resolved, That in the name of our common Christianity we call upon all Christian churches in the land to join with us in this our solemn protest and request.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of this Conference, he sent to the National Centennial Commission of the Centennial Exhibition.

A warm discussion ensued on the resolutions, and a motion was made to postpone their consideration. Bishop Simpson said he could not say whether the privilege was sold to the highest bidder, but it was a fact that liquors were sold on the grounds just as in any hotel. In the course of the discussion, R. M. Davis of Illinois made a strong speech against all intoxicating beverages, declaring that beer-selling was not even respectable in h-il. Mr. Ransom's resolution was adopted.

The tellers to count the voice for Missionary Secretaries came in and announced the vote as follows: Whole number cast, 319; necessary to a choice, 160; Mr. Dashleil received 228; Mr. Reid, 157; Mr. Cummings, 86; Mr. Newman, 82; Mr. George, 46. Mr. Dashiell was declared

#### REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD. Philadelenia, May 18.—The General Synod

of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America began its usiness session in this city this morning. The began its using a session in this city this morning. Los Synod represents a church membership of over 6,000 per-sons. After the election of the Rev. John Alford as Mod-erator, a recess until 2 p. in. was taken. A memeral was presented anathat the maintenance of the Chicago Presbyfery, and asking that the Synod re-consider the netion of last year in regard to building up-that furisdiction. The subject was referred to a special possible.

Boston, Mass., May 18 .- At the morning on of the Episcopol Convention several amendments to the Constitution, were proposed, and action suspended.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY IN THE SOUTH. SAVANNAU, May 18 .- The General Assembly

Presbyterian Church. There was the largest attendance

#### PRESERVERIAN ASSEMBLY.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18 .- A special dispatch to The Courier-Journal from Bowling Green, Ky.,

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF GEN. CHOOK'S RAID.

THE WEST ALONG.

IFROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.

Washington, May 18 .- The following letter from a participant in the recent military expedition under Gen. Crook presents so perfect a picture of the lians that we print it for the benefit of our readers:

. Some of its shive rel a good deat, one it was on ac-of fare devilible cold weather.
Long after we held over one day, and packed up at and haveled till meroing, and made 45 miles; went to the Tongate River and down it until the stound a male. Then we went into camp, for fant love enough for one day.
It day we struck for Powder River; traveled all

## THE LOUISIANA BLOODSHED.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE TWITCHELL AFFAIR IN COUSTATTA-THE ASSASSIN A DISGUISED MAN.

CHICAGO, May 18.-The official report of the Twitchell sheeting affair at Cousantta, Louislana, has been received by Gen. Sheridan, and gives new and interesting particulars of the assassination. The murderer was disguised. He strelled down from the Post-Office, was disguised. He strelled down from the Post-Office, leading his horse to the river landing, where the shooting occurred, and as the boat approximated began firing killing a man named King, who was in the boat, and wounded in look arms and in the close of tryman. Twitchell was badly wounded in both arms and in the leg. Those who attempted to approach his assassing from the shore were warred off and threatened with the rifle that he used. Two women remonstrated with thin, but he said at each shot he was shooting a black alligator. He started off on his horse, but, essing the nearest attempting to save Twitchell, reging median of ordered his to desta, and, being discograted, fixed several more shots, wounding both the nexto and Twitchell again. The norderer then escaped, despite all efforts to capture him. One of Twitchell's arms has been amputated and the other is badly shattered, but he may still recover.

THE NEGRO FIGHT EXAGGERATED. NEW-ORLEANS, May 18 .- The latest dispaiches report everything quiet at Bayou Sara, Leurel been greatly exaggerated. One whote man and two ne-groes killed and several negroes wounded cover the casu-nilles as far as known. The military decired to inter-fere. Hill, and Woodville. The reports of the trouble have

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—O' eary still maintains be lead in the walking match, but Schmehl has much im-

FORT MONROE, Vs., May 18.—The sub-marine cu-le across Hamuton Roads, which was broken a few days since y a vessel anchor, has been repaired.

GALVESTON, May 18.—Capt, McNally's mon caught party of Mexican raillers yesterday, while crossing the hie rande. They shied two and captured some steck. MONTHEAL, May 18.—The Citizen' Insurance company will apply at the next session of Parliament for ower to extend its business to the United States.

power to extend its business to the United States Hudson, New-O Leans, May 18.—The steamship Hudson, Gager, master, of the Cromwell line, passed through the South Pass jettics, bound for New-York, drawing 15 feet 10 inches, v. May 18.—Sixty members of the Boston of the best here today for Paniadelphia, where the ner of the Cub will be given. Gov. Sice is with the

JOHN, N. B., May 18,—Owing to heavy rains, is Briefing has been done in the country. Brooks and river grywhere are overflowing and mills have been obliged to a sawing. The isuif ports are blocked with ice, which pre-is the entry of achoemers. OTTAWA, May 18.—It is believed that one result the high water will be a fish famine for the next two years, the streams having overflowed their banks, the fish will parm far in shore, where the eggs will be exposed when the later subsides.

New-Orleans, May 18.—The jury in the Februa-back cases have not yet agreed; they should 11 for conviction and 1 for acquittal. A jury in the O'brien distillery cases is being impanced.

Pull Addit Phia, May 18.—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows adjourned to-day, after selecting Eric as the place for the next sinual meeting.

#### WASHINGTON.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE INIQUITIES. METHODS TO DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT IN NEW ORLEANS-STATEMENTS BY AN EMPLOYEE-CIGARS THAT ESCAPED DUTY. IGENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.1

Washington, May 18 .- The Select Committee on Federal Offices in Louisiana examined to-day G. W. Ferguson of New-Orleans, an employé in the Custom-house at that place, who testified that his purpose in coming here was to expose some of the irregularities of the Custom-house. Mr. Ayre of New-Orleans met witness at the hotel in this city since he arrived here; and asked him what he was going to testify about, and told him that it would injure the Republican party in New-Orleans; Ayre also told witness that Mr. Herwig, Deputy Collector at New-Orleans, had plenty of money, and could bring a hundred witnesses to prove that witness would not be believed under eath; witness received the impression that Ayre was here to arrest some of the witnesses who might testify before this Committee, as Ayre is deputy marshal and brother-in-law of Marshal Packard; witness did not obtain leave of absence when he came here, and told Ayre that he expected to have his head cut off the first of the month; Ayre replied that he would do it if he was in their place at the Custom-house; he asked his brother to go to the Custom-house and tell the officials that he was sick and could not attend to his duties, and he then came up here. He said the reason why he decrived the officials about coming here was that if they had known it he was certain he would not have been allowed to leave the State alive.

Witness said he was employed in the sugar-room in the Custom-house in 1875 when twelve cases purporting to contain guava jelly were received at the Custom house, consigned to a man named Hubbard. One big bex only contained jelly and the other eleven contained cigars. The case containing jelly was opened in the presence of witness and other laborers, and they were then told that there was no more work to be done that day, and they went away. Witness privately opened some of the other boxes and found they contained cigars. There were 11,000 cigars in all, and the fraud consisted in entering them as jelly. The duty on the cigars was \$2 50 per pound, 25 per cent ad valorem duty, and the internal revenue stamps. On the jelly the duty was 10 per cent. The cases were all marked "exception brand," indicating them to be eigars. Even the case of jelly was marked to represent cigars; the marks were all alike. All this occurred in March, 1875.

Q. How do you know the employes were in a Ring?
A. The importers had told witness that Thomas Ong, who had collected the money from them, had kept all the money and had not divided with the others, and that hereafter they would divide up the money themselves and then pay it over to the different employes; the importer paid \$20 per thousand on the cirars, and that sum was divided. Dillingham, naval officer; Herwig, deputy collector; Crawford, entry clerk, and Thomas Ong were in the Ring.
Q. Was Collector Casey a member of this Ring t A.

Not that I am aware of.

By Mr. Hoshins-Were you present when any money

was divided among these men! A. I decline to answer. After some discussion among the Committee the witness was teld that he could maswer yes or no without crim paid by Mr. Domingo; had never received a penny him-self, nor any other valuable consideration. This took place in Domingo's store about February, 1875, and the ment related to eights, because Domingo said, after Oug these fellows, they come after me before I can get the cigars out of the cases;" know it was bity is paid in gold, and Mr. Oug had no authority to

Q. Now give us another case of tregularity. [Witness testified that in the Fall of 1873, Mr. Massoch ent to Havana, and before going he told witness that he was going to import a lot of c gars, and the clerks in the Caste c-house lead told him to send all his cigars to warehouse No. 6 instead of the cigar room, and they would be taken care of. A lot of thirteen cases of cigars arrived, and were sent to a vinegar factory on Blenville at. Mr. Kinsella, a special agent, found them talcharge of Mr. Massoch's clerk, and his deputy went to the vinegar

all right, if not he would setze them.

The witness then defailed a statement about 140,000 digars that had been shipped to New-Orleans in March, 1875, which were invoiced as 70,000, and they we Evered to Mr. McCarty on the payment of duty on 70,000 only. Mr. McCarty made the entry on these elgars at porter, and his fraudulent practices in importing cigars had broken down the small importers, some of whom have said that they could buy clears of Massoch \$10 per 1,000 cheaper than they could import them for.

#### CATTELL'S PERCENTAGES. CONTRACTORS' BOOKS THAT DID NOT FEAR HOLDING UP TO THE LIGHT.

Next day we struck for Powder River; traveled all day, when the pack trains composition of the struck a viriage of 80 lookies; dashed in and captured roo ponies and males, shot an old squaw is the lough; borned lookes and contents; went mis comp. Ghory croatch for another day.

Indians cause into camp after night, and drove every delibered for contents of the command. Then reall the grant retreat to Reno, which was reached in four or five days narch. The trail is pretty well fined with playedout tables and ho see. The List day's march into keno we lost 22 head. When one played out, it was shot. And so ended the first expedition against the Sloax, but Crook is fitting up a new outfit, and is going to win next time.

\*\*Yours truly, L\*\*\*\* McK \*\*\*\*. INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TERBUSE. "To Contingent account, \$600." "To Contingent ac count, \$2,000." On holding the book up to the light it was discovered that the original entries had been erased. If they had been allowed to stand they would have shown that on the 30th of the previous September the sum of these accounts was carried in to " profit and loss." There were originally two entries in the "Loan account," an follows: "A.W. Russell, \$600;" "A. G. Cattell & Co. \$2,000." Witherup testified that these erasures were made by him by direction of Noblitt, within a short time before he was examined, say a month or so, and that the effect of the charge was to leave the charges against Russell and Cattell & Co., while before they had been

charged to " profit and loss." Russell when examined testified that he had borrowed money of Noblitt, but said that he had repaid every dollar of it except a small sum, which he was owing to the firm

WANTS BRISTOW REMOVED. A-MAN WHO HAS LOST A CONTRACT SHOCKED AT MR. BRISTOW. INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, May 18.-Benjamin Eggleston of The Cincinnati Times has been in Washington for the purpose of securing the removal of Secretary Bristow. It is understood that some of the Government printing under the control of the Trensory Department, which was formerly given to The Cincinnati Times, has been transferred to some other paper. Mr. Eggiesten had an interview with the President yesterday. He thinks that he made a decided impression. His principal accusations are that Secretary Priatow has not been loyal to the Republican party, and that in many ways his official and private acts have terded to weaken rather than to strengthen it.

CURRENT TOPICS AT THE CAPITAL.

THE ENGLISH MISSION TO BE FIELED. It having been decided that Gen. Schenck is, under the Tenure-of-Office act, still United States Minister to England, his friends are urging the President to send him back to his post, supposing, it is believed, that the report of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will be favorable. Friends of another prominent condidate are also advacating his appointment, and it is not improbable that a new minister may be appointed within a few days.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF DR. STORES. The Hon, S. B. Chittenden gave a reception this evening in honor of the Rev. Dr. Storrs. Among those present were President Grant and his Cabinet, Senators Boutwell, Dawes, Conking, Kernae, and Steven-son; Representatives Lord, Ely, Sorlye, Fester, Whils, and Bandall; Sir Edward Thornton, Prof. Joseph Henry,

Washington, Thursday, May 18, 1876.

The Committee on Naval Affairs of the House examined to-day Mr. Childs, foreman of the loiners in the

in that yard for Secretary Robeson. It may be remem bered that on several occasions it has been asserted that

bered that on several occasions it has been asserted that costly furniture, a baptismal four presented to a church in New-Jersey, and other articles, have been manufactured in the Washington Navy-Yard for the Secretary, out of Government material and by Government workmen. A court of inquiry was instituted a year or two ago to investigate this matter, but owing to some misunderstanding on the part of those who made the accusations in regard to the manner in which the inquiry should be conducted, they refused to produce their evidence. Mr. Childs testified to-day that in every case the Secretary, had paid the full cost of making these articles. The secret session of the Senate on the question of The secret session of the Senate on the question of jurisdiction in the Belknap impeachment case was con-

tinued until 5 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Conkling occupying the whole day in an extended legal argument in pying the whole day in an extended regal arguments opposition to jurisdiction. Mr. Whyte of Maryland effered an order to the effect that the Senate sitting for trial of impeachment shall proceed at 4 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, May 20, 1876, to vote without further debate on the question of jurisdiction, and each Senator shall be permitted to file within two days his written opinion, to be printed with the proceedings. This was laid over. The dispatches relative to the contents of Earl Derby's

note are entirely speculative. The note was not received here until yesterday afternoon, and Mr. Fish said this morning that he had not read it himself, and had not even shown it to the President. Mr. Fish, however, ex-pressed the opinion that the note gave no assurances of the release of Winslow. Judge Buckner, Chairman of the District of Columbia

Committee, proposes in a day or two to offer a resolution in the House directing the approintment of a commission, to be designated by the presiding officers of the Senate and House, to frame a form of government for the District of Columbia. The Treasury Department this morning received \$100,-

1000 in silver quarters from San Francisco, and \$100,000 more in coin is soon expected, which will complete the recent order upon San Francisco for \$500,000. An order for an additional \$100,000 in silver has been sent to Carson City, which is expected to arrive soon.

There are indications that the Appropriations Committee will not be able to carry out its plan as regards re-treachment of expenditures in public buildings. So many cities are affected that a log-rolling combination is already forming to defeat the proposed retrenchment.

The Judiciary sub-Committee has postponed the fur-ther examination of witnesses on the charges affecting

of malarial fever.

The proposition of the Committee on Naval Affairs to stop work on the League Island Navy-Yard, and to cede the property back again, will meet with very determined opposition, especially from the Pennsylvania Democratis in the House. Mr. Randall will take the lead in this movement, and has great hope of complete success.

Private information from Staunton, Va., is to the effect that Speaker Kerr is in a better state of health than when he arrived there several days ago.

Mr. S. S. Burdell has been compelled by reason of bad health to resign his position as Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Postmaster-General Jewell denies that he intends re-

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FATAL EXPLOSION ON A STEAMBOAT. NINE MEN REPORTED KILLED, AND SEVERAL OTHERS

SERIOUSLY INJURED. EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 18 .- The steamer Pat Cleburne exploded her boilers at 11 o'clock last night, six miles below Shawnectown, while lying alongside the Arkansas Belic. The Belle was tied to the bank and disabled, thus preventing her from rendering assistburned. Capt. Fowler was caught in the timbers and burned to death; Richard Partridge, express agent, was lost; Walter McEiheney, engineer, was blown into the tiver and was badly burned, but will recover; D.C. ore, mail agent, was blown overboard but saved; Moore, mail agent, was ablewn overboard but saved;
John McCune, pilot, was at the wheel and fell through to
the bedier deck, and was cut and scaled. All the cabin
crew are sup osed to be saved. Ernback, a musician,
could not extricate himself from the timbers and was
burned. Albert Smith was scaled. Charles Colton, see
ond mate, is supposed to be lost. An unknown passenger
was blown to the roof of the Belle and killed.
In the great coornison, the officers being all disabled, it
cannot be learned what other passengers are lost. The
Belle is badly wrecked, her climneys blown overboard,
her state-rooms shattered, and she was on fire in many
places.

FURTHER LIST OF KILLED AND INJURED. CINCINNATI, May 18 .- A special to The Gaelle gives the following additional names of persons lost by the explosion of the boilers of the steamboat Pat. Cleburne on Wednesday night: A. Mattison; Walter McCihenny, engineer; a man unknown, supposed by some to be G. G. Berry of Louisville, and by others to be Mr. Harris of St. Louis; Sidney Humphrey, first clerk. The following were injured:

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James Westen, second engineer, badly burned; John
Lemson, porter, slightly burned; James Pay, violinist,
slightly burned; Frank Redden, striker, fatally burned;
Jordan Field, Scott Bower, Neal Hancock, Dan Lewis,
and George Mansfield, roustabouts, were hurt, four of
them slightly, and one screensly injured; Thomas MeKim, striker, sightly scaled. The Cilburne had 19 roustabouts, five of whom men-

# THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

ned above were saved, but injured, and the other 14

EXPLORATION OF THE ADIRONDACK WILDERNESS-THE DEEPENING OF THE ERIE CANAL.

OM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, May 17 .- Mr. Verplank Colvin, the Adirondack explorer, is busy preparing for his usual Summer exploration. He has provided himself with a 20-inch theodolyte, and is gathering at his office in this city a fine equipment of surveying instruments. He ex-pects to make new and important discoveries and to open up to the Summer wanderers a portion of the great North Woods wider than any which has yet been explored. The State Engineer is preparing for a general survey of the Eric Canal throughout its whole length with a view to begin immediately on the close of navigation the work of deepening the great water way to a uniform depth of seven feet, in accordance with the commendation of the Governor, which was embedded in a bill now awaiting his signature. Controller Robinson has arranged with Controller Green to exchange a portion of the bounty loan stock directly for city revenue bonds, instead as heretofore receiving the money raised upon the revenue bonds. The coffers of the treasury are full, and it would probably be difficult to invest the mency thus received in any better security than the revenue bonds themselves, while Controller Green by this arrangement will be saved the necessity of negotiating the sale of them in the market. North Woods wiider than any which has yet been ex-

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., May 18 .- A German migrant, while traveling on the Eric Road between this place and Susquehanna last night, was robbed of \$780. He made his loss known to the conductor, who notified He made his loss known to the conductor, who notified the officials, and this morning on the arrival of train No. 4 two men were arrested, on suspicion of being the thieves. Gver \$700 was found on one of the prisoners, and they have been identified by the conductor of the emigrant train as having taken the train at this state on and got off again between here and Susquehama. The German will arrive here to-morrow to identify the money. Letters on the prisoners gave their names as A. and F. P. Lander.

NATIONAL JOCKEY CLUB RACES. Washington, May 18.—The inaugural meet ing of the National Jockey Club began to-day. There was a large attendance. The first race was for \$250, a three-quarter-mile dash. It was won by Spendthrift in

1:1842, against Leader second, First Chance third, and five other horses. The second race, for \$400, inile heats, was won by the favorite, Hobkirk, in 1:494, 1:53. The third race, raile heats, over eight hurdles, for \$400, was won by Calvert in 1:57, 1:5734. EXTRAORDINARY RIFLE-SHOOTING.

Hudson, N. Y., May 18 .- The return match between the Parthian Ride Club of this city and the Saratoga Rifle Club of Saratoga Springs took place this afternoon at Camp Geiger. The total scores stood; Parthlans, 564; Saratogians, 556, out of a possible 600. The Parthian average was 94. This is the largest average ever made in a 500-yard contest.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH. CONCORD, N. H., May 18.-Alfred Merrill of Bow, FARMINGTON, Me., May 18.—George Paine became atangled in a jam of logs in Eastls, Me., yesterday, and was

drowned.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May '18.—Daniel O'Donald, age 18 years, was killed yesterday upon the ra-front bridge at Lippitts by failing.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 18.—The reported confession of a woman to the marders for which Wagner was

WHEELING, W. V., May 18.-A terrific thunder-storm, accompanied by intensely heavy rain, visited this sec-tion has taight. Considerable damage was done to railroads and telegraph lines.

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St. John, N. B., May 17.—In the St. John Circuit
Court to day Thomas O'Neil was found guilty of the number
of Mrs. Fothergill, his mother in law. It is understood that no
hope of reprieve will be held out to the prisoner.

#### Washington Navy-Yard, in regard to private work done PRESBYTERIANS IN COUNCIL

OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

VER 400 DELEGATES PRESENT-SERMON BY THE REV. E. D. MORRIS, D. D., OF CINCINNATI-PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF AMERICAN PRESBY TERIANISM-THE REV. DR. HENRY J. VAN DYKE CHOSEN MODERATOR-HIS ADDRESS.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States began its sessions in the Brooklyn Tabernacle yesterday morning. About twothirds of the 600 delegates were in attendance. The morning session was occupied with a sermon by the Moderator of the last Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Morris of the Lane Theological Seminary, on the "Past and Future of American Presbyterianism." At the afternoon session the election of a Moderator occurred, and the Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., paster of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, was chosen on the first ballot. Four clerks of the Assembly were also elected. In the evening a communion service was celebrated.

# THE DELEGATES AND THEIR WORK.

APPEARANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY-PRELIMINARY EX-ERCISES-THE RETIRING MODERATOR-BALLOT-ING FOR HIS SUCCESSOR.

Seats in the central part of the church were occu pied by the delegates, about 400 of whom were pres ent at the opening of the session at 11 o'clock. Rain was falling at the time, and this had a marked effect in limiting the attendance of persons not connected with the Assembly. Very few ladies were present, and the audience seemed very small in proportion to the number of Presbyterians in Brooklyn and New-York. Upon the platform were seated the Rev. Drs. Edward D. Morris of Cincinnati, Philemon H. Fowler of Florida, T. DeWitt Talmage of Brooklyn, S. Irenæus Prime of The New-York Observer, and David Wills of Washington, D. C.

Only a casual look at the delegates was needed in order to tell that the majority were clergymen. They impressed the observer with a sense of their intellectual power and goodness of heart. Most of them are beyond middle age, a considerable number are over fifty, and not a few bear the whitened locks of sixty and seventy years. The features of many bear unmistakable evidence of Scottish and Irish descent, which their speech confirms. In accordance with the custom which prevails in

Presbyterian General Assemblies, the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Edward D. Morris, D. D., of Cincinnati delivered the annual sermon. Dr. Morris occu-pies the chair of Theology in the Lane Theological Seminary. This position he has held for about seven years. He was elected Moderator of the Cleveland Assembly on a close vote, and proved to be an efficient and capacie pressure. He is a man of about medium hight, not be manner of speaking striking in appearance; his manner of speaking is earnest and forcible, and he held the close attention of his hearers during the delivery of his sermon, which occupied an hour and a half. The subject of the discourse was the past and future of American Presbyter anism-"from the first planting of the seed until its present maturity and vigor" -and the conditions which assure the progress of the Church. The Presbyterian Church of America, the speaker said, sprang from the British rather than the Continental stock. Four conditions affected all forms of American religious life: the gradual separation from the parent stock; the entire dependence on the voluntary principle; the peculiar collocation and commingling of the various American sects in the common struggle for life and growth; and the universal liberty of thought and speech which pervaded American society. There were also special conditions affecting the Presbyterian Church, among which were its type of theology, its polity, its form of worship, and its denominational relations to the spirit of the age. The American Calvinism was both "preached and preachable." The growth of the Church was a miracle of modern Christianity, and had no parallel except in the progress of Methodism. Among the dangers of Presbyterianism were the perils of the denominational press, the natural tendency of educational institutions to propagate a peculiar doctrine, and the possible rise of heresies. Dr. Morris also spoke of the possible unification of the American Presbyterian churches; he did not despair of a union of the Northern and the Southern branches of the Church, nor even of a combination of all the Presbyterian bodies of the world. No type of Protestantism was so cosmopolitan as Presbyterianism, and therefore it had a special work to do in the unifying of Protestantism. At the close of the sermon Dr. Morris made a brief

and pointed prayer. The report of the Committee of Arrangements being called for, Dr. Talmage ascended the platform. He first welcomed the delegates to the City of Brooklyn. The tent of Abrabam, he said, was open and ready to receive, not three angels, but 600. His hope that the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Charches might become united called forth hearty applause. "Here on this platform," said he, "may the lion and the lamb lie down together, so that we can't tell which is the lion and which is the lamb." He then announced that the communion service which would be administered in the evening would be conducted by Dr. Morris, Dr. William Adams, and Dr. William L. Breckinridge. The original arrangement for the sessions of the Assembly has been changed, and two are to be held daily, the first session from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with a recess from 12:30 to 2 p. m., and an evening session from 8 to 10 o'clock. The first half hour of the moraing session will be occupied with devotional exercises. There will be no evening session on Saturday. The session to-night will be devoted to Sunday-schools. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 23 and 24, will be occupied respectively with the discussion of home and toreign missionary work, and on the evening of Thursday, May, 25, delegates from other religious bodies will be received. The recommendations of the Committee of Arrangements were adopted. The morning session was closed with singing and with a prayer by the Rev. G. W. Musgrave, D. D., of Philadelphia.

The principal business of the afternoon session was the election of a Moderator of the Assembly. Much time was consumed in reading the list of delegates, not only on account of the large number, but also because of the very deliberate manner of the clerk, the Rev. Dr. Dickson. Further delay and some confusion were due to the fact that some delegates did not understand the rule that a member should have delivered his credentials to the Committee on Commissions previous to the session, in order to have a right to vote. After the report of the Committee on Commissions had been received Dr. Morris announced that he was ready to receive nominations for Moderator. Instantly a member was on his feet and announced the name of Dr. Samuel M. Campbell of the Rochester Presbytery. Dr. William Adams, whose face and form are well known in this city, where much of his life has been spent, then arose and begged leave to nominate Dr. Henry J. Van Dyke of Brocklyn. Dr. Wills aunounced Dr. Talmage's name. The other candidates were Dr. Dickey, Dr. Jonathan Edwards, and Dr. Knox. The candidates then retired, and as the roll was called by the permanent clerk, each member announced his vote. The candidates most froquently named were Dr. Van Dyke and Dr. Talmage, and long before the voting closed it was evident that the contest was narrowed down to the two men. The delegates appeared to be in excellent humor, and laughed and applauded at the clerk's mistakes in calling the names. When instead of "Elijah" Dr. Dickson said "Elizabeth," there was a hearty peal of laughter, which was for the moment uncontrollable, the Moderator joining with the rest. length the 414 votes were cast, and the tellers had begun the work of counting, when the venerable